

REMARKS

All pending claims have been allowed in the present application.

By this rule 312 amendment, Claims 1-3, 11, 16-18, and 26 have been amended and no claims have been added or cancelled. While the Applicants believe that even without the amendment, the pending claims clearly describe the intended subject matter to which patent protection is desired, Applicants make the present amendments for purposes of reciting the invention in a more natural manner. Thus, the amendments to the claims, in this rule 312 amendment, are made to improve the readability of certain claims, but not to change the substance of any of the claims by changing the patentable scope of any claim.

For example, allowed Claims 1, 11, 16, and 26 each recite a second version of a table or data container prior to reciting a first version of the table or data container. Thus, the Applicants have amended each these independent claim so that a first version of the table or data container is recited prior to reciting the second version of the table or data container. Applicants submit that this amendment is merely a matter of form, and does not change the scope of any independent claim in any manner.

Applicants have also removed the phrase “to create an updated second version of the table” or “to create an updated second version of the data container” from each of independent Claims 1, 11, 16, and 26, and have amended certain dependent claims to provide proper antecedent basis for this removal. The purpose of removing this phrase is to avoid any potential confusion as to the meaning of the independent claims.

For example, in considering Claim 1, prior to the step of updating, at the second site, the second version of the table to create the updated second version of the table, the “updated second version” of the table does not yet exist because the second version of the table has not yet been updated. However, clearly the second version of the table and the updated second version of the table refer to the same table, but just at different points in time, namely before and after the step of updating respectively. As a result, there may be potential confusion to a reader of Claim 1, who does not have the benefit of reading the Applicants’ specification. The present amendment avoids such confusion, as the second version of the table is referred to simply as “the second version of the table.” As this amendment does not change the meaning of Claim 1 in any way, Applicants submit that this amendment is merely a matter of form, and does not change the scope of the claim in any manner.

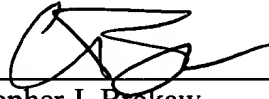
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 16.136 is hereby made. Please charge any fee shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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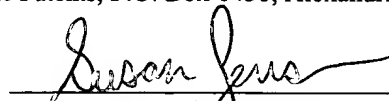
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